

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please Amend Paragraph 0008 to state,

- [0001] Embodiments include methods for providing access and tracking the access of a non-registered or registered individual at a secure point of entry to a secure environment. The methods entail an owner establishing a secure environment by an owner with the secure point of entry and an assigned environment Risk Factor. An non-registered or registered individual[,then,] requests entry into the secured environment at the secure point of entry. An identifier signifying the individual is sent to an authentication database. The database notified-notifies the owner whether or not ~~is the~~ individual is registered or not.

Please Amend Paragraph 0009 to state,

- [0002] If the individual is not registered, the owner then ~~than~~ asks the individual questions in order to produce a profile based on the individual's answers. The owner then assigns the individual a Risk Factor based on the profile. The individual's Risk Factor is compared to the environment Risk Factor in order to ascertain whether the individual is authorized to enter the secured environment. The determination is then recorded in the authentication database.

Please Amend Paragraph 0023 to state,

- [0003] The environment Risk Factor is an arbitrary designation associated with a secured environment or location. The environment Risk Factor is assigned by the owner of the secured environment based upon the level of access the owner wishes to maintain in the area. If the secured area is a special laboratory where a company ~~to~~ is doing research and development, the owner may want to assign a high environment Risk Factor in order to limit the access to the area only to people with a high clearance code.

Please Amend Paragraph 0033 to state,

[0004] If an individual has an acceptable Risk Factor for the secured location and is permitted entry to the secure environment, a smart card or biometric device can be issued to the individual that permits access using the smart card or biometric device for that certain secure environment.

Applicant believes that no new matter has been added with these amendments.